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**CLAIMS:**

1. A composition comprising,  
5 (a) from about 1 to 99 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition, of pigment particles; and  
(b) from about 1 to 99 weight percent, based on  
10 the total weight of the composition, of a polymer effective to inhibit the agglomeration of the pigment particles when dispersed in a liquid medium:  
characterized in that the polymer is polymerised from  
a vinyl halide, a vinyl ester and a monomer having a  
15 sulfonic acid group or a derivative thereof and is effective to provide a Viscosity Retention Factor of 5 or less.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the  
20 polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity Retention Factor of 3 or less.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the  
polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity of 700  
centipoises or less.
- 25 4. The composition of claim 3 wherein the polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity of 200 centipoises or less.
- 30 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the monomer is selected from the group consisting of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, sulfoethyl methacrylate, sulfomethyl methacrylate, and mixtures thereof.
- 35 6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is a solid.

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7. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is a dispersion of the pigment particles in the liquid medium.

5           8. The composition of claim 7 wherein the liquid medium is a solvent for the polymer.

9. The composition of claim 7 wherein the liquid medium is a monomer.

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10. The composition of claim 8 wherein the solvent is an ester or a ketone.

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11. A coating made from the composition of claim 1.

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12. A coated substrate comprising a substrate having coated thereon a coating made from the composition of claim 1.